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Randy Scott resigns as police chief

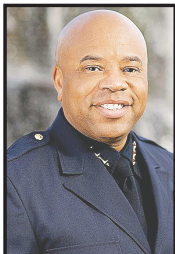
Search for permanent successor to begin within next 60 days

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Through tears and protracted pauses, Randy Scott said Monday he's leaving his post as Columbia's police chief.

Scott's tenure at the police department, capped by a weeks-long, unexplained leave, will end May 1, according to City Manager Teresa Wilson. Ruben Santiago, who has taken over as acting chief, will stay on as interim chief.

Wilson said the city would begin



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looking for a permanent successor within the next 60 days, and Monday afternoon, Santiago expressed interest in the job.

Scott had been wrangling with personal issues leading up to his April 1 request for indefinite leave, Wilson said. Over the past few weeks, Scott said he had received counseling and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Wilson said he hadn't received any

other diagnoses.

"I am a law enforcement officer, but I forgot that I also have a family. I can tell you that over a month ago, I began to realize that things were eating at me," Scott said at a news conference before he paused nearly 20 seconds, looked down and began to tremble.

During his two-and-a-half years as police chief, Scott was divorced, documents released by the city indicate.

A veteran of six years in the Marine Corps and 15 in the Richland County Sheriff's Office, Scott said his PTSD stemmed from the death eight years ago of a man he'd hired for the county.

Scott had been with Byron "Keith"

Read Randy Scott's resignation letter and the city's response online at dailygamecock.com.

Cannon at a police officer's memorial service in May 2005. Two hours later, Cannon was killed in a car wreck while he was on duty. In the years since, Scott has kept up with his mother, who he now calls "Mama."

"Only after going through counseling, I realized that's what it was," Scott said as he began to cry. "Because you should not hire someone

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USC's EcoReps Leadership Team started celebrating Earth Week with a tie-dyeing event on the Russell House Patio Monday.

In exchange for donating plastic bags, students were provided all of the necessary artistic supplies.

The event included a taste test that pitted tap water against

bottled water. EcoReps handed out reusable water bottles to encourage people to drink tap water instead of using disposable bottles.

The EcoReps program is a peer-led collaboration between University Housing and Sustainable Carolina that works to

educate students on campus about environmental issues and living sustainably.

Sustainable Carolina is hosting events to promote sustainability throughout the week in honor of Earth Week.

— *Compiled by Conor Hughes*

College Democrats host Sheheen



MCT Campus

Gubernatorial candidate state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, a Democrat from Kershaw County, will visit USC and engage in a Q-and-A session with students today at 7 p.m. in Russell House room 305.

The College Democrats will host Sheheen, who recently announced he will mount his second run for the Governor's Mansion. Sheheen lost a tight race to Gov. Nikki Haley in 2010.

Sheheen has also recently released a book, "The Right Way: Getting the Palmetto State Back on Track," which details his vision for South Carolina.

This is the second prominent politician the College Democrats have hosted in the past month. Two weeks ago, Democratic congressional candidate Elizabeth Colbert Busch, who is in a tight race against former Gov. Mark Sanford for South Carolina's 1st Congressional District, stopped by a phone bank the group held for her campaign.

— *Compiled by Amanda Coyne, Assistant News Editor*

Gamecock quarterbacks speak to scholars

Shaw, Thompson answer questions about team, Spurrier

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Gamecock quarterbacks Connor Shaw and Dylan Thompson gave Capstone Scholars a glimpse of their personalities and encouragement to be leaders when they spoke at the semester's final Capstone Conversation Monday afternoon.

"When you're in a leadership position, you decide how you want people to remember you," Thompson said. "I think that y'all have control of that right now. Just take every bit of advantage of every opportunity you have here. People can say things about you, put you down, whatever they want to do to you. But at the end of the day, you can control where you go."

The two fielded questions from the audience, including whether they were afraid of head coach Steve Spurrier (no, as long as he's not making fun of them, both said) and how they reacted to sophomore defensive end Jadeveon Clowney's famous Outback Bowl hit on Michigan running back Vincent Smith.

"I thank God he's on my team," Shaw said.

One student asked how the quarterbacks felt about the Williams-Brice Stadium student section. Both Thompson and Shaw praised the atmosphere the students create at home games.

"When (the other team's) offense is on the field, you just kind of sit back and relax and know their quarterback is going through

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Sophomore quarterback Dylan Thompson speaks at this semester's final Capstone Conversation.

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

84° 60°

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Baseball on the road

Coach Chad Holbrook prepares to head home to Shelby, N.C., as the Gamecocks face Gardner-Webb tonight.

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In Brief.

Naked wanderer on LSD found in state forest

An unidentified man was found in the Harbison State Forest Sunday evening after he had taken LSD and stripped off his clothes due to an unsavory reaction from the drug, The State reported.

After recovering the man’s clothing in the Broad River, officials said they believed him to have drowned and assembled a dive team to search the waters the next morning. However, the man found his way onto the property of the state Department of Corrections, where he was presented with a blanket and then taken to Palmetto Richland Hospital, The State reported.

The search for the lost man entailed costly resources including a helicopter, a dog team and some 40 law enforcement officers from multiple state and local agencies, according to The State.

The naked wanderer was accompanied by three other unidentified men, also under the influence of LSD.

State Department of Forestry spokesman Scott Hawkins told The State officials will be drawing up warrants charging all four men with taking illegal substances in a state forest.

— Hannab Jeffrey, Staff Writer

Budget cuts cause delayed flight arrivals

Four flights coming into Columbia Metropolitan Airport were delayed Monday morning, but not due to inclement weather.

Instead, mandatory federal budget cuts were the culprit behind passengers arriving more than two hours late to Columbia from New York and Washington, D.C., The State reported.

Because of across-the-board federal spending cuts, agencies such as the Federal Aviation Administration are being forced to limit spending. And thanks to limited spending, many airline passengers can expect delays at the expense of their convenience, as thousands of FAA employees’ work schedules will be cut down.

All 47,000 FAA employees, including 15,000 air traffic controllers, will lose one day of work every other week, The State reported.

In a letter to the FAA, the Global Business Travel Association said the nation’s economy will “pay a very steep price that significantly outstrips savings produced by furloughs.”

“If these disruptions unfold as predicted, business travelers will stay home, severely impacting not only the travel industry but the economy overall,” the letter read, according to The State.

— Hannab Jeffrey, Staff Writer

Colbert Busch leads Sanford in poll

In the highly publicized race to fill the state’s 1st Congressional District seat, Democratic nominee Elizabeth Colbert Busch leads her Republican opponent, former Gov. Mark Sanford, by nine points in a recent poll, WIS reported.

Colbert Busch is favored by 50 percent of respondents in the poll by North Carolina–based Public Policy Polling, trailed by Sanford’s 41 percent.

“Elizabeth Colbert Busch is now looking like a clear favorite in the special election,” Public Policy Polling President Dean Debnam told WIS. “The only question is whether an extremely unpopular Sanford can find some way to make voters like her even less than him in the next two weeks.”

Independent voters favor Colbert Busch by 16 percent in the poll, and 19 percent of Republicans also favor her over their party’s candidate, according to WIS.

Of those polled 56 said they view Sanford unfavorably, according to WIS. Sanford’s ex-wife recently accused him of trespassing at her home.

Voting for the 1st District seat will take place May 7.

— Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

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and the look down at the car and see that person deceased.”

Wilson said the PTSD diagnosis aligned with the problems Scott had described to her but that she’d only learned about the condition Monday morning.

The decision to resign his post was Scott’s, she said. He said he plans to return to law enforcement eventually, but Mayor Steve Benjamin said he doubts Scott will ever return as police chief.

Scott’s tenure was marked by a reduction of crime citywide, Benjamin said. The first quarter of this year saw a 30-percent drop in violent crime and a 17-percent drop in incidents overall.

But he was a common target of criticism among USC students and Five Points patrons, who said police patrols in the bar district were too focused on underage drinking rather than violent crime, which has marked the area in recent years.

The department was also dealt an embarrassing blow when officers searched for Tom Sponseller, a prominent lobbyist who went missing last year. It took them 10 days to find his body in his downtown office building’s garage. They also initially missed a suicide note and gun box in his office.

Scott fired two high-ranking officers in the wake of the search, including Isa Greene, who filed suit against Scott and the police department in February. Her suit claims she was discriminated against

based on race and gender, allegations Scott and the city denied in a later court filing.

Scott and others were also sued twice more in January and March by husband-and-wife officers who Scott disciplined.

Shortly after Scott’s leave began, Wilson said she had gotten complaints about his conduct and that disciplinary action was possible, pending investigation.

Those inquiries are complete, she said Monday.

But the city won’t release documents outlining just what those complaints were.

Shortly after his leave began, The Daily Gamecock requested copies of complaints filed against Scott and any emails sent or received by Wilson or Benjamin regarding Scott or his conduct.

Those requests were not filled when the city released documents Friday, saying in a letter that they weren’t public records under the Freedom of Information Act’s personal privacy exemption because the allegations they contain aren’t verified.

But according to Jay Bender, a First Amendment lawyer who represents the South Carolina Press Association, of which The Daily Gamecock is a member, the privacy exemption doesn’t cover records about a public employee’s performance.

“I think the public has a right to know if there are complaints against the police chief,” said Bill Rogers, the press association’s executive director.

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Earth Week Calendar April 23–27

Tuesday

Travel Lightly Day
Campuswide, all day

Healthy Carolina’s Farmers Market
Greene Street, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sounds of Sustainability Mini Music Festival
Green Quad Terrace, 4 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Make Your Own Solar Cooker
Russell House Patio, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Green Office Showcase
Office of the Provost, noon

Sustainability Tour
An in-depth walking tour of several LEED-certified buildings on campus
Green Quad Learning Center at 5:30 p.m.

Green Quad Yoga with Marcus
Green Quad Learning Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Caught Green Handed
Campuswide, all day

Energy Showcase
Green Quad Learning Center, 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday

Real Gamecocks Use Real Plates
Russell House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recycling Team Shredding Event
Greene Street and Colonial Life Arena parking lot, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Do It in the Dark outdoor carnival
Hosted by Green Quad Hall Government
Green Quad, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Earth Week Yoga with Marcus
Green Quad, 10 a.m.

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Student-athletes honored at Gamecock Gala

USC athletes traded their playing fields for a red carpet Monday evening at the annual Gamecock Gala awards ceremony at Colonial Life Arena.

The President's Award was given to track and field senior captain Breanna Radford, who earned a shot put bronze medal at the 2013 SEC Indoor Championships.

Sophomore football defensive end Jadeveon Clowney was named the male Athlete of the Year, and women's basketball senior guard Ieasia Walker and track and field junior Jeannelle Scheper were named female Athletes of the Year.

Former football tailback Marcus Lattimore was honored with the Gamecock Inspiration Award and was named the team's Most Valuable Player.

ESPN's Cara Capuana and Anish Shroff served as emcees for the ceremony.

A complete list of award recipients from the 2013 Gamecock Gala is below.

— Compiled by Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor



Photos by Brian Almond / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Gamecock athletes from a range of USC sports teams walk the red carpet before the 2013 Gamecock Gala awards ceremony at Colonial Life Arena Monday evening.

2013 Gamecock Gala Award Winners	
SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Award Whitney Avers (swimming & diving) LB Dantzler (baseball)	Scholar-Athlete of the Year Kimberly McCormack (equestrian) Robert Razick (track & field)
SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award Breanna Radford (track & field) Patrick Sullivan (baseball)	Athletes of the Year Ieasia Walker (women's basketball) Jeannelle Scheper (track & field) Jadeveon Clowney (football)
New Student-Athlete of the Year Kayla Lampe (cross country) Michael Carrera (men's basketball)	The Gamecock Inspiration Award Marcus Lattimore (football)
Community Outreach Team of the Year Softball	The Garnet Award Doyle McBride
	The President's Award Breanna Radford


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hell,” Shaw said.

Looking to the upcoming season, Thompson said the team's goal is to get to “the place we haven't reached.” That place, Shaw said, is the SEC Championship in Atlanta and, from there, the BCS National Championship.

“We know for a fact we can be

better,” Thompson said. “We've played really, really bad in a few games the past two seasons and still finished up 11-2. We know leadership is obviously a big deal, and you know that. And if we can get everyone writing on the same page, we've got a chance for a really big year.”



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Scott’s case highlights government opacity

Randy Scott’s tenure as Columbia’s police chief will end May 1, he announced Monday, but too many questions regarding his work and resignation remain unanswered. After three weeks of taxpayer-funded leave and a \$50,000 state-sponsored retirement package, Columbia residents deserve more complete explanations than officials have provided so far.

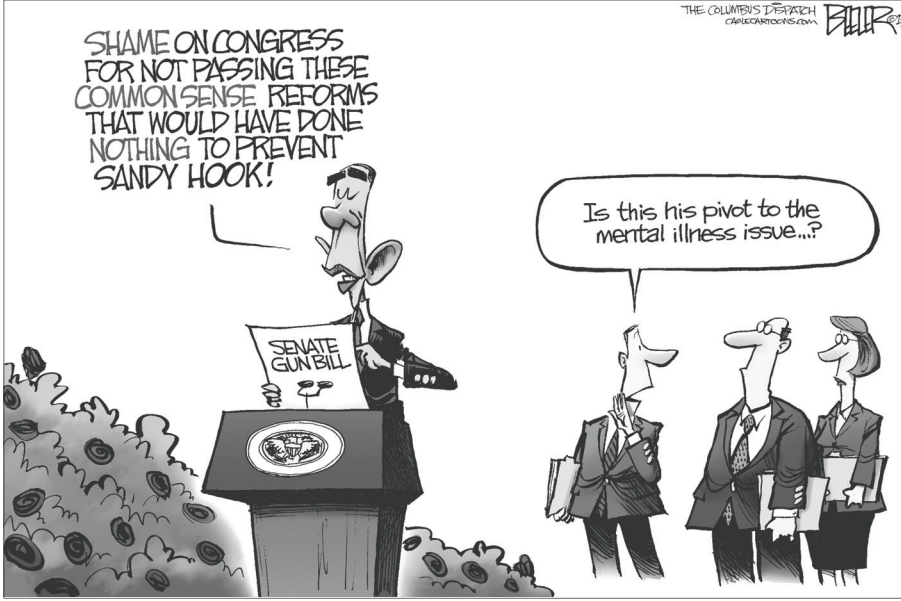
“It’s critical moving forward that our government officials value transparency and remain accountable to the public.”

Officers filed lawsuits against Scott this year, and crime continues to plague Five Points. We’re worried there is more to Scott’s departure than has been announced so far. Though Scott’s time sheets,

his application for retirement and several other documents were released, The Daily Gamecock’s request for emails sent to government officials regarding Scott’s conduct on the job were inappropriately dismissed.

We understand some private information is excluded from the Freedom of Information Act, but officials should redact sensitive information, not reject requests altogether. With a First Amendment lawyer agreeing the public deserves to know more, our requests should be reviewed again, and more information should be released quickly so we can understand Scott’s situation. It’s critical in this case and going forward — government officials claim to value transparency, but they need to demonstrate it.

Scott cited post-traumatic stress disorder for his departure, but we shouldn’t have to take his word for it. He was responsible for our safety for years, and he’s received lots of public money. He should be held accountable and so should public officials who are blocking information we deserve. The opacity is frustrating, costly and dangerous.



Immigration reform needed in US

Imperfect ‘Gang of Eight’ legislation best option

The Senate’s current “Gang of Eight,” a bipartisan group of eight senators focused on immigration, has released its first draft of a comprehensive immigration reform bill. The proposed legislation deals with a path to citizenship, border security and visa reform. While the bill is unfortunately weighed down by impractical proposals, it still represents America’s best chance at fixing immigration and should be passed.

The bill’s first goal is to resolve the status of America’s 11 million undocumented immigrants. Those who entered before 2012 will be allowed to apply, and pay a fine, for legal residency if they have a clean criminal record and a job. After doing this for 10 years — and showing English and civics knowledge — they can apply for permanent residency and then citizenship three years after that. Throughout this 13-year process, they will periodically be checked to ensure they are still working and law-abiding, they will not be allowed to access public benefits and they will owe about \$2,000 and any back taxes.

There will be far-right critics who oppose any normalization of undocumented residents’ status, but the mass deportations they dream of are impractical and morally questionable. America cannot tolerate such a large portion of its population

being treated as an underclass. This bill strikes the right balance between ameliorating the situation and not giving illegal residents an unfair advantage over legal immigrants.

The bill also recognizes that undocumented residency cannot be solved without greatly reducing illegal entries. Luckily, it allocates \$4.5 billion to border security, allows National Guard deployment to the border and hires 3,300 new customs agents. Undocumented immigrants will not be allowed to apply for full citizenship until border security benchmarks have been met. The bill will also require all businesses to verify their employees’ legal residences, and aims to crack down on foreigners who overstay their visas. These provisions should appease representatives who are understandably concerned about security.

The bill’s main shortcomings are revealed in the way it deals with visas. While it dramatically increases the number of high-skill workers allowed in the U.S., it penalizes companies that hire mostly foreign workers. The bill also creates a new guest-worker program for low-skilled immigrants but sets caps every year based on industry demand and regional economic factors. These arbitrary regulations based on fears of immigrants “stealing our jobs” are one reason the immigration system is such a mess today.

While the bill has shortcomings, it is by far the best piece of legislation on immigration in years. Hopefully, reasonable legislators will be able to overcome inevitable right- and left-wing ideological opposition and finally make progress on this issue.

Americans disregard gay female athletes

Basketball star comes out with little fanfare

A prominent athlete came out of the closet last week, but chances are, you haven’t heard about it.

When Brittney Griner, a three-time All-America

Baylor University basketball player, publicly announced her sexuality in a news conference last week, most sports fans and media outlets didn’t seem to care.

While at first glance this may seem like an accomplishment worth celebrating and our collective shrug at the revelation speaks volumes about how far we’ve come in accepting others as a country, it also shows how far we need to go.

In the past few weeks, we’ve spent immeasurable time speculating whether a major sports league like football or men’s basketball could handle a gay player, and the overreaching implications that such an announcement were to occur.

So when a professional athlete — who was the No. 1 draft pick and has been hailed as one of the most “dominant basketball players in recent memory” by The New York Times — comes out as gay during her first press conference, you would expect a little more commotion. Why do we go into a national frenzy over speculation about whether a male athlete comes out as gay, but shrug when a female athlete does so?

Unfortunately, it seems America has a double standard when it comes to homosexuality. As we anticipate the next gay athlete, we should make sure that we don’t do so at the expense of others like Griner.

Misportrayal of Chechens, Muslims disturbing

Boston Marathon suspected bombers’ ethnicity, religion not primary concern

We all ought to completely forget the Tsarnaev brothers are from Chechnya until they’re linked to a broader terrorist movement, if that ever happens. We all saw it on Twitter, on Instagram or even from their now somewhat-famous Uncle Ruslan: People, especially Muslims, were incredibly weary and afraid the Boston bombers would be Muslim and thus strengthen the dark, generalizing mark that’s been cast on all of the Islamic faith, including non-radicals, who greatly outnumber extremist malcontents.

Indeed, the suspected bombers are Muslim, although instead of being Middle Eastern, perhaps as some would expect, their family is from Chechnya, a federal subject of Russia. Without meaning to insult anyone’s intelligence, it’s unlikely the general populace of the United States knew much of Chechnya before the Tsarnaev brothers came to light. That innocent ignorance is a little problematic

because most people’s first instinct was to label the country as a terrorism breeding ground. It’s an unfair judgment for a variety of reasons, most notably because the brothers never lived in Chechnya.

The elder brother, Tamerlan, was born in Kyrgyzstan and moved to the U.S. when he was 16. Dzhokhar, the younger, was also born in Kyrgyzstan and moved to the U.S. when he was 9 years old. He became a U.S. citizen in 2012. Despite this, the media still present the brothers as Chechens, which is an unfair and rather inaccurate assessment.

The general ignorance doesn’t stop there. Funnily enough, as soon as pictures of the suspect were released, and we all saw they were white, the fear of a Muslim radical attack briefly subsided and was soon replaced with speculation the pair suffered from mental illness, hated the government or had a haunting domestic life. But such speculation stopped once the suspects were identified

as Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev, whose names sound unfamiliar and foreign to most Americans.

Al Jazeera said it best: “Knowing nothing of the Tsarnaevs’ motives and little about Chechens, the [media] tore into Wikipedia and came back with stereotypes.” It’s a harsh but true sentencing. Journalist Eliza Shapiro wrote that Tamerlan is named after a brutal warlord. What on earth was Shapiro thinking? I’m not here to defend the actions of these alleged bombers, but misinformation in news shouldn’t be tolerated whether it’s as benign as an error in sports reporting or as dramatic and impactful as a story on the latest faces of terrorism.

We can’t expect to look to Chechnya to find answers regarding a domestic crime committed by men who lived in the United States, one of whom was an American citizen. Chechens are not simply minds prime for transformation into radicals, nor are any Muslim immigrants from the former Soviet Union. They’re people, and many of them, including Uncle Ruslan, love our country the same way we do.



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First-year international business student

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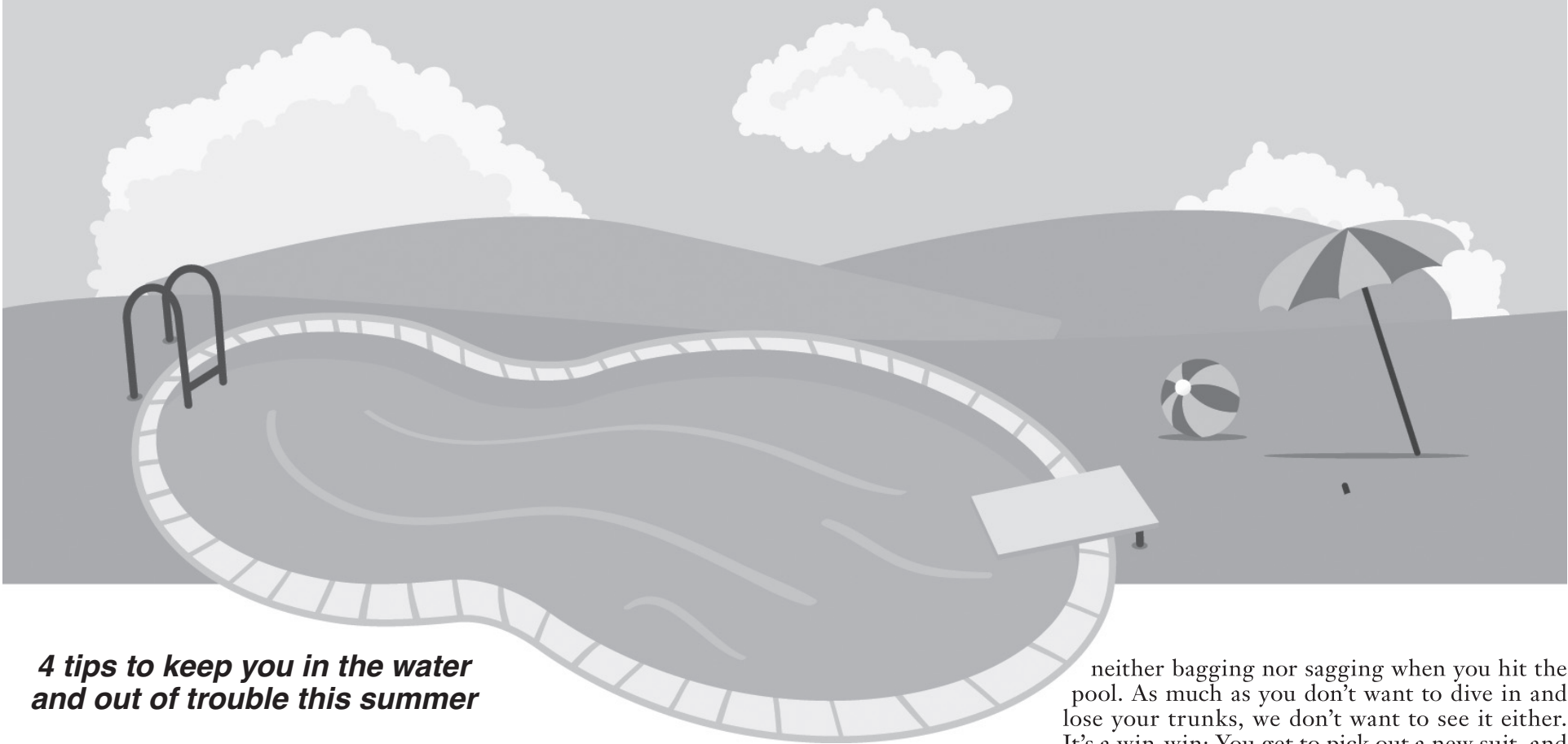
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Well, Gamecocks, we’re finally closing in on the final few precious days of the school year. The thermometers are starting to climb, pollen levels have been elevated to “high alert” and almost every professor is making a last-ditch effort to cram in all the material they should have already taught you over the past three months. But more importantly for these steamy Columbia days — the pools have opened up. And whether you’re splashing around at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center or are shoulder-deep in the tepid waters of the Woodlands (we all remember that YouTube pool party sensation), there are a few pool rules every swimmer should adhere to.

Do Wear Sunscreen

As simple as this should be, we’ve all seen that one girl on campus — her usually translucent pallor has shifted to a shade just this side of fire-engine red, and she hobbles down Greene Street, cringing with even the tiniest move. True, our beloved parents used to slather themselves with baby oil before (literally) crisping themselves in the hot sun. But we also used to think heroin could cure the common cold. While an SPF of at least 30 is recommended for bathers, you’ll rarely see a bottle more than 15 laying out around the pool. It doesn’t matter if you



don oil, spray or lotion, anything is better than expecting the water to keep you covered for the day. Plus, your grandmother won’t have to watch you peel your shoulders at graduation.

Don’t Try a Deep Dive

Folks, there’s no diving board at the pool for a reason. It’s shallow. And I don’t mean shallow like Kanye West picking out names for his and Kim K’s baby — I mean shallow like you’re going to knock your noggin if you try a double-flip cannonball into the pool. Besides the fact that you’re going to be about five beers in when you decide to leapfrog over your unsuspecting best friend in the “deep end” (is 5 feet really considered deep in college?), there’s no telling where you’re going to hit. Sure, you could casually splash safely into the water. Or you could land on top of that terrified freshman girl who just tried her first cup of boxed wine. The risk is yours.

Do Wear a Suit That Fits

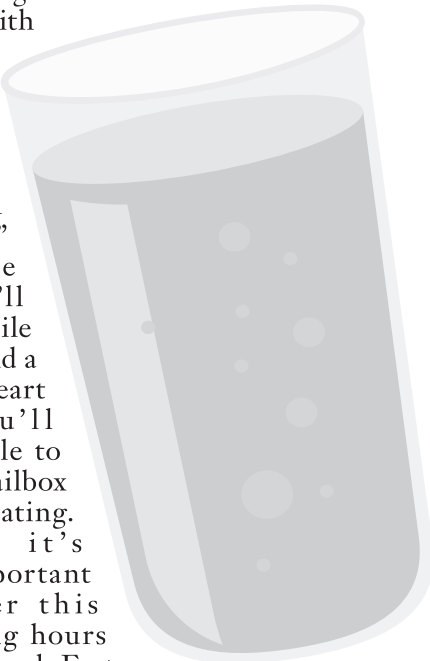
Remember that super cute bikini you bought at Target last year? Remember when you didn’t eat a steady diet of Moe’s Mondays, Chicken Finger Wednesdays and \$2 pizza lunch at Dano’s? That bathing suit does. Whether you accidentally put on a few pounds tailgating in the fall or even shed some when you finally hit that growth spurt, make sure your suit is



neither bagging nor sagging when you hit the pool. As much as you don’t want to dive in and lose your trunks, we don’t want to see it either. It’s a win-win: You get to pick out a new suit, and we don’t have to watch you try to cover yourself with a koozie.

Don’t Forget H2O

If this will be your first summer in Columbia, heed this warning now: It gets hot down here. Actually, hot is putting it lightly. This city is a stifling sauna in the summer, with temperatures climbing into the high 90s on a near-regular basis. “Oh, the high is only 85?” you’ll say one day. And you’ll say it with a smile on your face and a song in your heart because you’ll actually be able to walk to the mailbox without suffocating. That said, it’s especially important to remember this while spending hours on end at the pool. Fact: Alcohol can dehydrate you pretty quickly in the baking sun, so pack some water and chug it in between beers. Take a lap in the pool. Just try to avoid the floating beer pong table.



DG

Cockapella captivates crowd at spring concert

Cocktails open for coed vocal
group’s final semester showcase

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The halls of the Darla Moore School of Business came alive with music for one last evening this semester, and the instrumentals came courtesy of the university’s very own a cappella groups. The Cocktails and Cockapella held their spring concert Monday night, a final showcase for several of the group’s graduating seniors. After a brief room mix-up, the excited crowd pooled outside the doors of the Belk Auditorium, babbling and buzzing with anticipation for what was in store. When the doors finally opened several minutes later, the audience flooded forth, filling the seats closest to the front as they gave cheers of encouragement to their favorite singers behind the microphone. The all-female Cocktails group were first to enter the spotlight, creating a perfect mural of Gamecock spirit as they lined up in garnet and black attire. The ladies got the crowd into the summertime swing with



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the Doobie Brothers' classic feel-good anthem, "Listen to the Music" before flowing into the toned-down melodies of "I Need Your Love" by Calvin Harris and Ellie Goulding. Though the Cocktails performed only a pair of songs, each member's talent was able to shine through with sparkling clarity and a lush quality that drew thunderous applause from the rapt audience.

Next, it was time for Cockapella to take the stage. Donning their best pastel frocks and crisp collared shirts, members of the coed a cappella group opened up with Delta Rae's sultry "Bottom of the River." The light, tinkly vocals of the front harmonies blended together seamlessly with the deep, rich baritones of their counterparts. It became immediately obvious that all of those long nights of practice, sore throats and gulps of honey had paid off.

Cockapella threw the audience for quite the curveball with its next song choice. Belting out "Earthquake" by rapper Labrinth featuring Tinie Tempah, the group provided a refreshing change of pace for most a cappella concerts. Not only did it uncover several of the members' rhythmic rapping abilities, it also showed how flawlessly Cockapella can transition from folk rock to a hip-hop track. The singers again made this same leap for the next selection with a gentler version of "Some Nights" by Grammy-award winners Fun.

It was then time to take a page from the '90s playbook with N'Sync's 2001 hit single "Pop." No matter the track or decade, one thing is certain with the Cockapella group: They love what they're doing. Each member was all smiles during each song, grooving off each other's vocal energy. Whether they're dusting off Queen's

"Fat Bottomed Girls" or taking the tempo down a beat with "Cough Syrup" by Young the Giant, everyone gets an opportunity to be heard, a feat hard to accomplish with the rising pulse of 18 voices. They even incorporated a little alternative into the night's set with a softly sung rendition of Muse's "Madness." The medley of duets, ensemble and solo performances were solid and melted together with ease and attunement.

After a performance of crowd favorites "Hide and Seek" by Imogen Heap and Keane's

"Somewhere Only We Know," Cockapella closed with crooner Bruno Mars' love ballad about snap decisions, "Marry You." Cockapella danced through the last song of the night, rolling along with the beats and tossing in improv tidbits of other classic hits.

If you missed Monday's show, never fear. The Cocktails will be holding their spring performance Friday night at 7 p.m. in Gambrell Hall.



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Cockapella closed out the spring showcase Monday with the university's alma mater, "We Hail Thee Carolina."

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One of the Carolina's favorite quintets will be rocking the 5 Points Pub this weekend, though something is a bit different about this particular performance. The Crew will be playing not one but two shows starting Thursday and carrying on into Friday — hopefully with time for a beer in between.

After an extremely successful bout as Battle of the Bands winners at this year's St. Pat's in Five Points, ARC decided to take its show on the road again.

Lately, the boys have been all over the place. They've traveled to Clemson, Charlotte and Richmond over the past few weekends, bringing the rowdy ARC party in tow.

Following this weekend's doubleheader of performances, you

can catch them at the Rosewood Crawfish Festival May 11 before they take off on their official band tour in June. So far, they've booked summer jam locations through the Southeast and have a few Northern shows sprinkled into the mix. But whether they're only a few hours away in Pawleys Island or playing to the masses in Baltimore, fans can rest assured they'll always come back to their Southern rock roots.

"Everyone here has always been so amazing and supportive of what we're trying to do," guitarist Dave Beddingfield said. "We hope to have a really strong send-off show with our original fans, and we're really excited to get out there and tour so we can bring on some new fans."

Two North Carolina-based bands will join ARC this weekend: Winston-Salem's the Heritage opens Thursday, and the Broadcast out of Asheville will join Friday. Tickets are \$5, and the show starts at 10 p.m. For more information on the band's summer tour, visit atlasroadcrew.com.

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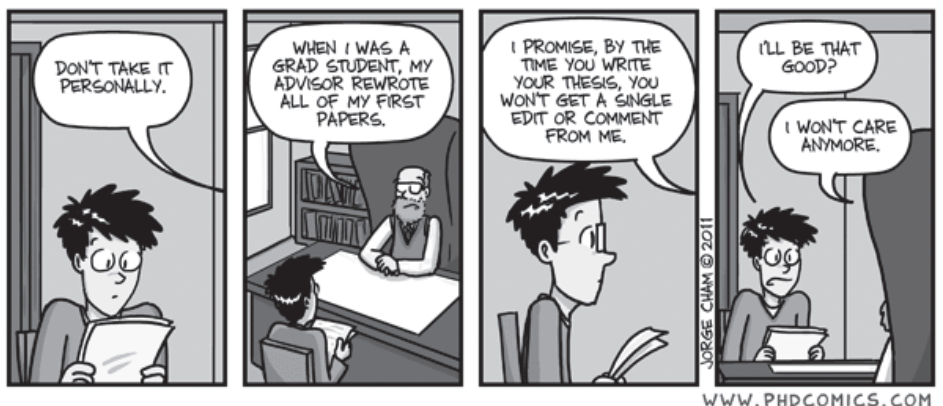
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Aries

A hero comes to your rescue when least expected. Continue to put in the effort, though. Don't depend on others to do the work for you. Stay active, and remain open to contributions.

Taurus

Two days of intense work begin. Getting it done is easier than thinking about doing it. Avoid distractions; you'll have time to stop and acknowledge efforts later. Don't be afraid to ask for help, and return the favor.

Gemini

You'll have more time for love and relaxation. How will you take your romance to a new level? Don't look at what you want but at what you can contribute. Rejuvenate your relationship.

Cancer

Repetitiveness can be especially tiresome right now. Break the routine and add some wild creativity. Get outside, too. Then take care of yourself at your home sweet home with a good night's sleep.

Leo

There's still plenty of work to do, but suddenly everything starts making sense. Continue exploring new directions in your career. You'll be surprised by what you learn about yourself.

Virgo

Your ideas are attracting attention. Cash flow improves. Pay expenses before splurging. You're really cooking now, and the orders flow in. Get help if needed, and stash profits.

Libra

You're stronger, more confident and sensitive for the next two days. Watch out, world! Take charge of your destiny. This week should be very active and fun. Get outside and play.

Scorpio

Be sensitive to a loved one's wishes. You're under pressure regarding deadlines. If you can get away, it's also a good time for treasure hunting. Notice your dreams.

Sagittarius

Celebrate accomplishments. Your friends are your inspiration, and they provide solid support. Get out and play together, but remember your budget. Make it a potluck or go Dutch.

Capricorn

This phase brings lots of career action. Take charge and manage responsibilities. It may require determination and patience. Reward yourself later with a thought-provoking film or book.

Aquarius

By now you should know how much you can spend. If you can get away for a little while, go. Watch the big picture, and plan your agenda. Then put on your rambling shoes.

Pisces

Focus on finances; get organized and practical. Things are beginning to shift. Consider an investment in your education. Study profitable ventures. Rejuvenate your relationship.

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23 A __ alfa
24 Nairobi native
25 Satirical Mort
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34 Hypotheticals
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Baseball travels to Gardner-Webb

Holbrook returns home to Shelby, NC, tonight

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For coach Chad Holbrook, tonight's baseball game against Gardner-Webb is practically a homecoming.

Holbrook was born and raised in Shelby, N.C., and his father Eddie coached the Bulldogs in basketball for nine seasons.

After winning four consecutive games, including a weekend sweep of Kentucky at Carolina Stadium, the Gamecocks (31-10, 11-7 SEC) will look to continue the winning streak against their nonconference opponent before traveling to LSU this weekend.

"I'm proud to take my team to my hometown," Holbrook said. "I'm sure Gardner-Webb is champing at the bit to beat our rear end, too. It'll be great for college baseball, and I think our team will enjoy playing in that environment."

After Sunday's 3-1 win, Holbrook said he had not decided who would make the start against Gardner-Webb (20-19-1, 7-8 Big South) and that he would lean on pitching coach Jerry Meyers to make the decision. Sophomores Joel Seddon and Evan Beal were two likely candidates after not pitching in any of the three games against Kentucky.

Senior Colby Holmes made two appearances in the series, but each time he faced just one batter, allowing a walk. In the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, the runner scored when senior Adam Westmoreland allowed a home run. Senior closer Tyler Webb pitched a scoreless ninth inning after Holmes was lifted from Sunday's game.

Webb and Westmoreland have carried South Carolina's bullpen so far this season. Webb leads the team



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USC sophomore Brison Celek is riding a nine-game hitting streak. He had the game-winning hit in Saturday's second contest.

with 19 relief appearances and has allowed two earned runs in 28 innings. Westmoreland has logged the second-most innings on the team and holds a 1.81 ERA.

Beyond those two pitchers, USC has not had a consistent middle reliever. Holbrook said the other players are in an unfair situation because they often face just one hitter at a time and are pulled from the game immediately after any mistake. Webb and Westmoreland have more leeway because they have been so consistent throughout the year.

Still, the coach said other relievers are responsible for taking advantage of the chances they are given.

"I don't think we're any different than

anybody else in our league," Holbrook said. "You give me two studs at the back of the bullpen, I'll take that. Those guys have pitched really good. We'll get those other guys going."

Celek's surge: After the weekend series, junior Brison Celek is riding a nine-game hitting streak, the longest of his Gamecock career. Celek had the game-winning hit in the 11th inning of Saturday's second game.

The junior is in the midst of a breakout season, boasting a .308 batting average. Celek redshirted in 2011 and played in 29 games as a sophomore. He said he has changed his approach at the plate and no longer tries to hit solely for power.

"In previous years, I was apparently

supposed to be a home run hitter," Celek said.

Celek hit his first career home run earlier this season. Holbrook attributed his recent success to the ability to use the whole field and limit his strikeouts, although he had four in one game Saturday.

"When he has difficulty, or when he strikes out a lot, his swing gets too long and he tries to hit it to the stands out there and gets pull-happy," Holbrook said.

The coach added that Celek used to be a "swing at everything" guy, but he has learned to use the other side of the field as he matures.

DG

Men's tennis falls to Florida

South Carolina ends tournament run in 2nd round

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Ranked 17th in the nation, the South Carolina men's tennis team's expectations entering last weekend's SEC tournament were as high as they have ever been, according to coach Josh Goffi.

South Carolina, the No. 6 seed in the competition, played its first match of the tournament Thursday, earning a victory over the 11th-seeded LSU Tigers. But the Gamecocks' run came to an end in the second round when they were bounced from the tournament by No. 3 seed Florida.

"I think getting any wins in the tournament is an accomplishment," Goffi said. "It was great for our guys because they had a bull's-eye on their back, and I'm proud of them for being able to deal with that pressure."

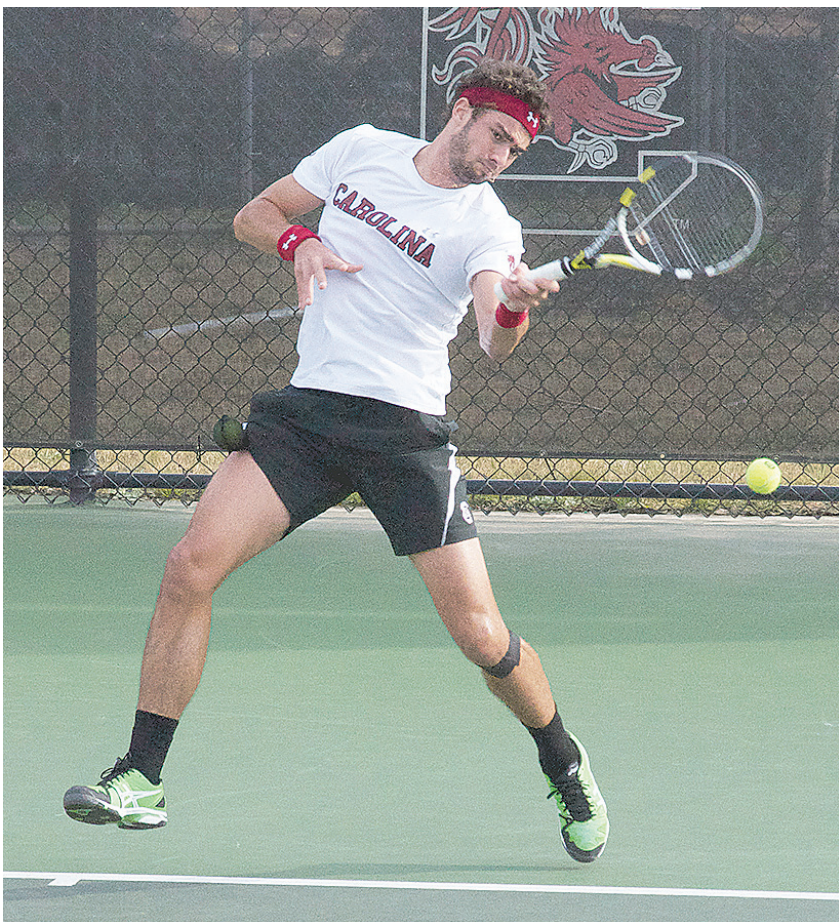
USC's opening-round triumph came in the form of a thrilling, come-from-behind effort fueled by sophomore Thiago Pinheiro's rally to win the second and third sets after dropping the first to LSU's Olivier Borsos.

South Carolina's top two singles players, junior Tsvetan Mihov and sophomore Andrew Adams, both earned victories as well, returning to form after they both suffered losses in USC's regular-season finale.

Aside from Mihov, the 39th-ranked player in the country, no other Gamecock ranks in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's top 75, which Goffi said makes the team's top-20 season that much more impressive.

"It definitely takes a little more effort and a little more focus than other teams to be successful," Goffi said. "We're not as talented, per se, at every spot. We definitely compete with the very best, but it just takes a little more out of us."

South Carolina's conference tournament run was cut short Friday when the team lost to the Gators in a disappointing 4-0 shutout. Despite Florida racing out to an early lead, Pinheiro tried to replicate his heroics in the first contest of the tournament, jumping ahead in his match on a first-set



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Sophomore Thiago Pinheiro rallied to win his match's second and third sets to help the Gamecocks advance to the second round of the SEC Tournament.

tiebreaker victory, only to see the Gators claim the victory before his bout could finish.

Goffi said fatigue was a factor in Friday's loss, as his Gamecocks were playing their second match against a fresh Florida team that had received a first-round bye. All things considered, the coach was pleased with the individual efforts he saw in the defeat, and his spirits are not dampened looking ahead to the NCAA tournament.

"I think that we competed hard, which is what we've been doing all season," Goffi said. "I think I'm going to use the SEC tournament as an example of what it's going to take. Everything's a learning process with this team."

The trip to the second round of the SEC tournament was USC's first since 2008, following a season-long trend of exceeding expectations, including the most regular season wins in seven years.

"We set very realistic goals for our team with the outlook that we had initially, with what we came to the table with, with the players that we had," Goffi said. "Those

were very realistic goals, and we definitely surpassed those."

Some of the benchmarks Goffi established for his team included an overall record above .500 and a top-half regular season finish in the SEC, both of which South Carolina accomplished with an 18-10 overall mark and a tie for the third-best record in the conference at 7-5.

With the regular season and conference tournaments behind them, all the Gamecocks can do at this point is wait for April 30, when the NCAA Tournament bracket will be announced. Goffi said no matter how his team fares in the tournament, the goals he and his players have set for next season will go far beyond what they thought possible this year.

"I think that when you have a season like this, this becomes your standard," Goffi said. "One thing that we stress is we never go backwards, we never rest on our laurels, we never take anything for granted, and we sure as heck aren't going to be comfortable with where we're at."

DG

USC finishes 2nd at SECs

Men's golf sets school record with conference tourney score

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The South Carolina men's golf team finished second to Alabama at the 2013 SEC Championship held this weekend in St. Simons Island, Ga. The team was two strokes away from winning the program's first SEC title, and a school record was set for the lowest 54-hole SEC Championship score.

The Gamecocks were in second place after the first round of the championship Friday, led by sophomore Caleb Sturgeon's career-low 65. His round is also the lowest ever by a Gamecock at the SEC Championship. He finished the tournament at 5-under-par. Three of the golfers finished the day in the top five.

South Carolina ended Saturday in the lead with three strokes fewer than No. 2 Alabama, but the Crimson Tide pulled away Sunday.

USC was tied with Alabama when Sturgeon triple-bogeyed at the 16th hole. He bounced back on the next two in order to give his team a chance, making par on the 17th and birdie on the 18th. But it was too little, too late.

"He had a great tournament and a runner-up finish in the best conference in the country individually is nothing to be ashamed of," coach Bill McDonald said.

McDonald said his triple bogey on the 16th was a "double-edged sword" for Sturgeon because it hurt his chances to win individually, as well as the team's score. But McDonald said the Gamecocks "wouldn't have had the chance to win as a team if (Sturgeon) hadn't played so well."

Senior Dykes Harbin tied for seventh, claiming his fourth top 10 finish this season.

"He's our senior captain and does a great job, and I know he wants to go out on a high note," McDonald said.

Freshman Matt NeSmith made his first introduction to the SEC Championship and finished with a tie for 20th, his eighth top-20 finish of the season. Freshman Will Starke's performance resulted in him tying for 63rd.

McDonald said he thought the freshmen did well, especially with tough conditions, calling the weekend "great experience for them."

McDonald said the weekend was "great preparation" for the upcoming NCAA regionals. USC will learn its fate May 6 and will be selected to compete in one of the following regionals: Baton Rouge, La.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Columbus, Ohio; Fayetteville, Ark.; Pullman, Wash.; or Tempe, Ariz.

"Going through that stress and pressure ... should do nothing but help us for regional play," McDonald said.

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